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## FIGHT FOR CASH RELIEF MARCH 4

### 2,500 AT JAPANESE, GERMAN CONSULATES OF S. F. PROTEST FASCIST TERROR AND WAR PREPARATIONS AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION

Resolutions Adopted For Solidarity With German Workers Against Hitler Rule

Japanese, Chinese, Filipino, German Workers Join in Parade;  
James Branch Arrested After Demonstration

### NAVY TO VISIT PACIFIC COAST CITIES

Workers Call Sailors  
For United Front  
Against Bosses

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10.—Having captured the Hawaiian Islands and the Panama Canal, naval and aviation forces move up this week to attack the California coast. Following which the 134 warships break up and attack the population of various Pacific seaports with patriotic propaganda of the "need of greater defenses." The naval appropriations bill which comes up at the beginning of the special session of Congress is for \$600,000,000 for this year, raising the navy to parity with Great Britain and exceeding that of Japan.

The bill calls for "the most unprecedented number of forty warships" being laid down this fiscal year 1933-4, the most tremendous program in years.

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### 15 LONG BEACH KLAN RAIDERS FOUND GUILTY

LONG BEACH, Feb. 11.—The fifteen Klan thugs who raided the Milder home in Long Beach on November 16, were found guilty of criminal conspiracy today after a jury deliberation of 11 hours.

The jury found the fifteen Klansmen guilty despite the prosecuting attorneys, who were deputized from the district attorney's offices, tactics of suppressing evidence clearly pointing to the collusion of the Klansmen with the police, and despite failure to summon important witnesses.

The story of the Klansmen while on the stand was so obviously false, that the jury was forced to convict them.

The maximum penalty for the offenses on which the men were convicted provide for 10 years imprisonment and a \$1500 fine. Sentence will be pronounced Wednesday, and Superior Judge Robert Scott will hear motions for a new trial, made by the defense.

The Los Angeles newspapers have buried the stories of the conviction of the Klansmen.

### Women Discriminated Against in Arizona

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 8.—The Arizona State Senate denied women the right to serve on juries, after the house of Representatives had previously passed the bill. A general movement is developing toward the removal of this discrimination. Many women, out of employment, are looking upon the several month service on a jury panel as something worth while. Jurors are now paid \$1.65 per day plus mileage.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10.—Twenty-five hundred workers gathered at the German Consulate and later at the Japanese to voice their protest against increased war preparations against the Soviet Union and terror against the workers of Germany and Japan.

A parade in which Chinese, Japanese, German, Filipino and American workers joined, went through Chinatown and other districts crowded with thousands of workers. Banners were carried in various languages making a most impressive parade. At each of the meetings resolutions were adopted, particularly calling for a struggle against the further danger of an attack against the Soviet Union now sharpened with Hitler joining to strengthen the intervention forces.

The resolutions will be sent to Japan and Germany.

The viciousness of police "collaboration" was sharply brought out. Armed with the score "Escorted" the demonstration but as soon as the dispersal at the waterfront occurred, James Branch, director of the Workers Solidarity League, was seized by five of the Red Squad. Branch is out on \$250 cash bail provided by the International Labor Defense. The arrest of Branch, like that of Elmer Hanoff, District Org. Secretary of the Communist Party at an Anti-Imperialist demonstration two weeks ago, was followed by close questioning by local and immigration officers.

Hanoff will be tried on February 21.

### HUAN PING FREED

BERLIN, Feb. 7.—(By Inprecorr Cable)—The Chinese delegation to Geneva reports officially that Huan Ping, Secretary of the All-China Trade Union Federation, was released on January 24th. His arrest, continued imprisonment and torture and threatened execution stirred world-wide protest of workers and intellectuals, which forced his release.

### NEW SYNDICALISM CASES SPUR MARCH 5TH REPEAL CONFERENCE

Newell Case in Salinas Test by Bosses For  
Introducing Terror in Monterey County  
To Be Answered by Mass Delegation

SALINAS, Calif., Feb. 9.—Charges of Criminal Syndicalism will be filed against Lawrence Newell, 36-year-old world war veteran, according to District Attorney Harry Nolan.

The basis for the charges is because the sheriff heard Newell say "that he carries the red flag with him wherever he goes." But the real fact is that Newell is a member of the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, and led a large delegation from Castroville in the recent Hunger March to Sacramento.

The District Attorney stated that "the trial will be a forerunner of a move to stamp out Communism in Monterey County."

The workers in the entire district are being aroused behind Newell, as this will prove a test case in Monterey County where the Legion and other most reactionary forces are particularly planning to introduce terror.

Every effort will be made by the

### SIX VACAVILLE STRIKE LEADERS CONVICTED

Vacaville I. L. D. Calls  
Protest Meeting

VACAVILLE, Calif., Feb. 10.—Six workers were convicted February 9th in Judge Dobbins court, Vacaville, for "parading without a permit." Nora Conklin and Harry Snyder were convicted with recommendation by the jury for "full penalty of the law" because they were "outsiders." John, Robert and James Melgar and A. Espinosa were convicted with recommendation by the jury for "leniency."

The jury deliberated for almost three hours and finally reached the conclusion that they did not want "outsiders butting into their business." They were composed of ranchers, business men and government employees, who were afraid of losing their jobs or of "getting in bad with the big men."

These workers who were leaders in the recent strike will come up for sentence on Wednesday, February 15th, at 1 p. m., in Judge Dobbins court.

The International Labor Defense, through its attorney, defended them and as a result of the struggles in Vacaville has established a branch and is calling a protest meeting on Tuesday night, February 14th, at Workers Center, McCallan street, to protest against the conviction of these workers.

The International Labor Defense of Vacaville is appealing to all workers throughout California and other states to send protests to District Attorney Lynch, Fairfield, and to Judge S. M. Dobbins, Vacaville, protesting against this railroad and demanding that they dismiss these charges against the strikers.

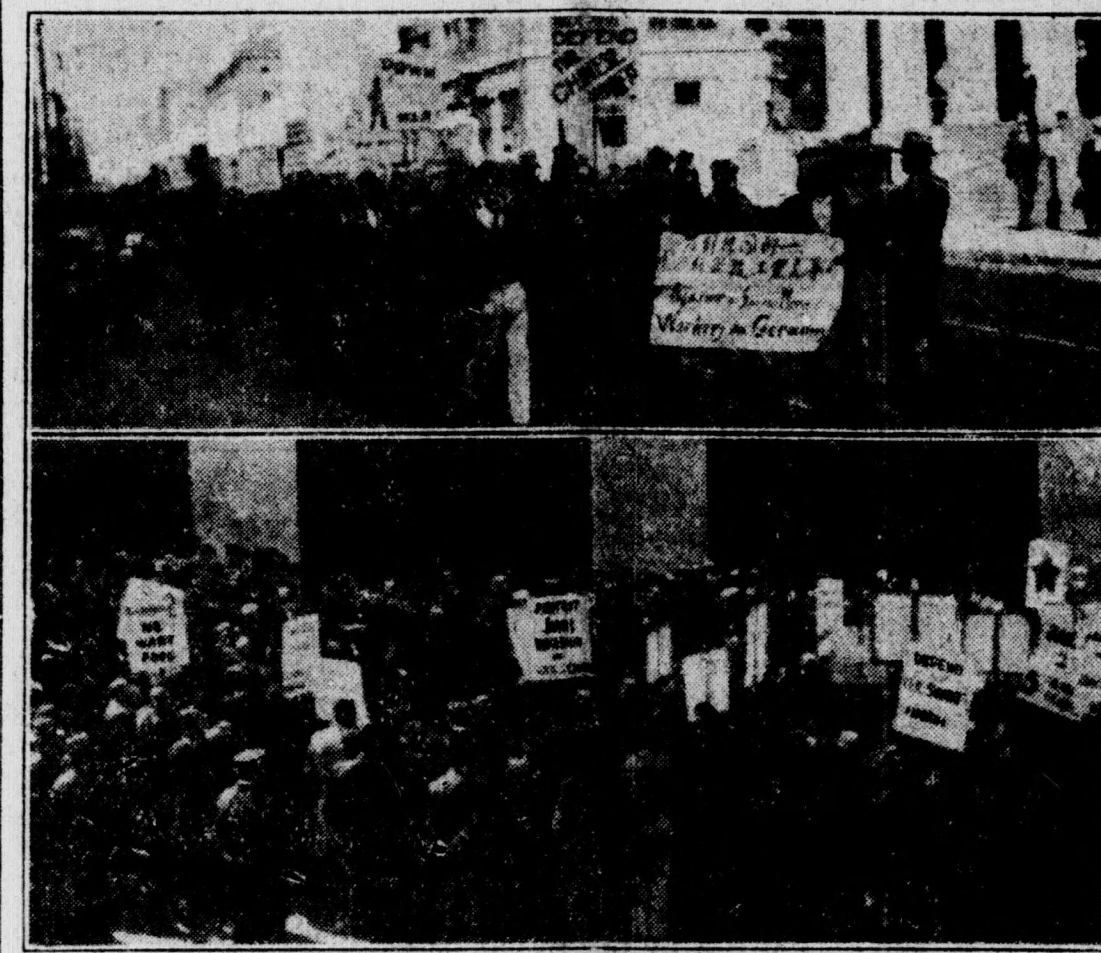
I. L. D. to arouse the widest protest in all parts of California against this move.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11.—Local conferences to organize the Syndicalism Repeal Campaign have already taken place in most sections of California, and delegates are being elected to the State Conference, which will take place on March 5th at San Francisco. It will open at 10:00 A. M., Larkin Hall.

This conference will mobilize the entire state behind the campaign to collect 150,000 signatures to repeal the Criminal Syndicalism Law. The new Criminal Syndicalism cases, as a result of the arrests in Los Angeles and Salinas, particularly call for making this into a mass conference.

All information, petitions, and other material in connection with the campaign can be obtained from the State Headquarters, at Room 201, 1179 Market street, San Francisco.

### PROTESTING HITLER TERROR



2500 workers massed at the German Consulate to protest war moves against the Soviet Union. Later the workers paraded to the Japanese Consulate

### WHILE MILLIONS STARVE

The following list gives some of the high salaries paid to officials of large utilities in California. This was made public in the Senate Journal of California now in session, dated Jan. 27, 1933.

This list includes several hundred, but below we give only a few examples:

|                              |  |           |
|------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Southern Pacific Co.         | Paul Shoup, President                        | \$100,000 |
| "                            | Guy V. Shoup, General Solicitor              | 36,000    |
| "                            | J. H. Dyer, Vice Pres., Operations           | 35,000    |
| "                            | W. A. Worthington, Vice President            | 30,000    |
| Pacific Gas and Electric Co. | A. F. Hockenbeamer, President                | 75,000    |
| "                            | P. M. Downing, Vice Pres. and Gen. Mgr.      | 40,000    |
| Pacific Tel. & Tel.          | H. D. Pillsbury, President                   | 60,000    |
| "                            | N. R. Powley, Vice Pres., Operations         | 35,000    |
| Western Pacific Railroad     | H. M. Adams, President                       | 43,500    |
| "                            | T. M. Schumacher, Chairman Executive Com.    | 29,000    |
| Southern California Edison   | John B. Miller, Chairman of Bd. of Directors | 68,500    |
| "                            | R. H. Ballard, President                     | 45,500    |
| Southern California Gas      | A. B. Macbeth, President                     | 50,000    |
| Railway Express Agency       | L. O. Head, Vice President                   | 20,000    |
| Bay Cities Transit Co.       | J. E. Anderson, President and Gen. Manager   | 20,200    |
| San Joaquin Light and Power  | A. Emory Wishon, President                   | 22,900    |
| Market Street Railway Co.    | Wm. H. Abbott, Vice Pres., General Counsel   | 20,000    |
| Southern Counties Gas Co.    | Franklin S. Wade, President, Gen. Manager    | 29,000    |
| Los Angeles Railway Co.      | G. J. Kuhrt, President and General Manager   | 25,000    |

The wages of the workers for these companies have been cut to a most miserable pittance. Those working for Shoup, for instance, face another 10% cut, and now are getting on an average of \$12.00 a week at the S. P. shops in San Francisco.

Yet we are told that there are no profits to tax for Unemployment Insurance. The above are only salaries. In addition to these yearly salaries they get huge profits.

In addition most of these hardworking captains of industry get expense allowances running from \$1,000 to \$9,000 per year.

### Call for 5,000 Marchers to Olympia to Fight Relief Cut

### LOCALS OF CITIZENS LEAGUE RALLYING TO UNITED FRONT CALL

Swinging Into Militant  
Action

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 11.—A call for 5000 delegates to Olympia on March 1, in the Greatest Hunger March and Demonstration yet seen in the state, has been issued, by the United Front Committee of Action, which has the backing of the King County Unemployed Citizens League, the Unemployed Councils, the United Producers and numerous other organizations in the state.

The march will demand the repeal of the vicious MacDonald starvation bill, and that the Workers Jobless-Social Insurance bill be passed. The sentiment for the March is sweeping the state and the indications are for a march that will represent many times more than the one on January 17. Thus far the legislature has ignored all the demands of the unemployed, passing only the MacDonald bill.

The United Front Committee's headquarters is at 11 Howard Bldg., 614 First avenue, Seattle. All delegates to Olympia are to report at 418 East 4th street, Olympia, Wash.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 9.—The Central Federation of the Unemployed Citizens League, meeting last night, the first since the new leadership was swept into office, adopted a program of militant action proposed by the New Executive Board. This was against the most violent opposition from the deposed reactionaries.

The new program calls for a militant fight against the drastic changes now being put through by the state, to cut relief for most workers, and place it in charge of "trained" welfare workers, who will drive relief down to the lowest level.

The Board proposed that the U. C. L. cooperates with all workers organizations for a united front, and that each of the locals begin a fight in its neighborhood for the needs of every family namely, food, clothing, against evictions or water shut-offs. Committees of action should be elected immediately. The Executive Board will give leadership to the locals in carrying out such struggles.

The report of the political committee (old one) recommending the endorsement of Griffiths, Millikin and Day for the city council was rejected despite the most strenuous efforts of Pearl, Russel and Rohen. Griffiths is a well-known anti-labor judge, and Day was formerly a well-known S. L. cooperates with all workers

### LAWRENCE EMERY TO COME OUT

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11.—Lawrence Emery, last of the Imperial Valley prisoners, will be released on parole February 18th. He has served in San Quentin for almost three years.

Emery, together with eight others, were convicted under the Criminal Syndicalism Law, when organizing the agricultural workers in the Imperial Valley district. He will proceed to New York where a job awaits him. This had to be complied with in order to obtain the parole.

### SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE ON FEB. 19 TO PLAN DEMONSTRATION; ALL CITIES CALLED TO COME OUT

Roosevelt's Inauguration on Same Day Will  
Be Marked by Great Meetings for  
Jobless Insurance, and Relief

### Prepare March 4th

On March 4th demonstrations will take place throughout the entire world for the demands of the unemployed. Are plans all ready for the demonstration in your city? Are there many organizations drawn in to make it a real United Front?

There are only three weeks left! Get busy!

### RED SQUAD SMASHES JOHN REED CLUB HEADQUARTERS

Raid Japan Party Arrest  
Three on Suspicion of  
Syndicalism

BULLETIN

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 12.—The "Japan Night" Party program of the John Reed Club was broken up by Hynes' Red Squad and American Legion Saturday. Karl Hama, Japanese, Ezra Chase and one other were arrested and held on suspicion of Criminal Syndicalism. The place was demolished. Valuable works of art, frescoes, were mutilated and destroyed. Ada Wright and Scottsboro fresco was mutilated symbolically, each boy having a hole hammered into the temple. A fresco of a changling victim was marked the same way.

Doors were ripped from their hinges, signs were broken and torn, literature was confiscated. Three hundred persons were present. After the dispersion, the vandalism, supervised by the Red Squad, occurred. The American Legion threatens to drive the John Reed Club from Hollywood. A nearby school house was used to hide the attackers.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 13.—Exploding the Hynes—L. A. "Examiner" lie of a Communist armed riot, under which pretence he raided John Reed Club play last night in Hollywood, a receipt from the Oriental Costume Co. prove old guns, etc., were only stage props. Hynes attempted to play himself up as a hero, who acted as "intervention between warring reds and Legionnaires."

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11.—The Unemployed Councils are calling a united front conference for Sunday, February 19, at 11 a. m., to be held at 530 Valencia street, to bring in the largest representation of workers organizations possible to formulate plans for making the International Unemployment demonstration on March 4 the largest ever held in San Francisco.

Every A. F. of L. Union, fraternal organizations, and all other workers organizations are urged to send at least two delegates to this united front conference. All unorganized workers, those in the community kitchen and shelter, should elect delegates and send them to help prepare for the city-wide demonstration.

The International Unemployment day on March 4 will see the workers throughout the world demonstrating for unemployment insurance and immediate relief. In the U. S., Roosevelt will be inaugurated on the same day and this will serve to remind him of his promises during the election campaign.

### 3 WORKERS JAILED IN SACRAMENTO RELIEF FIGHT

Boss Papers Call For Terror,  
Deportation of Single  
Men

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 6.—Police brutality for the second time in three weeks broke up a group of workers demanding relief from the offices of Miss Judge, county registrar of charities. One worker, William Emery, suffered a broken jaw, and two other workers were arrested. Nearly 100 workers collected in front of the basement of the local court house and asked for aid, which was refused them. When the workers refused to leave the building the police squad was called and they were thrown out.

In an editorial, the Sacramento Union and Bee, advocate terrorism and deportation for "itinerant" workers "if they are not more subservient in their attitude." These single, "itinerant" workers only a short while ago forced food concessions from the charities, and now with the backing of the police force the charities are welching on their promises.

The Unemployed Council bay committee approaching the relief fakers and a number of concessions have been won by the workers in the Salvation Army and city flop houses. Committees have been at all City and County meetings of officials but no definite relief plans have been formulated.

### 600 AT SAN DIEGO HEAR BROOKS ON SOVIET UNION

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 9.—Over 600 Negro and white workers attended a mass meeting called by the San Diego branch I. L. D. Miriam Brooks, who has just returned from the First World Congress of the International Red Aid, was the speaker. She contrasted the present condition in the Soviet Union with that in the U. S. Good organizational results were obtained and 18 signed applications for membership in the I. L. D.



# MIDWESTERN FARMERS FIGHT AGAINST FORECLOSURES

## California, Colorado Small Farmers Organize Mass Action

### FARMERS OF MERCED COUNTY ORGANIZE; 300 AT MEETING

Fight Increase in Rates in Merced Irrigation District

LIVINGSTON, Calif., Feb. 8.—Following the successful lead of the Midwest, the dirt farmers of Merced County are organizing to resist bank foreclosures and evictions for non-payment of taxes. A mass meeting to start the United Farmers League drew 300 here last night. Sixty-three joined up, immediately electing a Committee of Action to build under U. F. L. leadership a united mass struggle against the increase of rates of the Merced Irrigation District from last year's \$6.50 to \$8.90. Farmers and their families from all over the county came in response to the call. The Committee will meet Friday night.

Alongside the initial struggle against the irrigation rate increase, the United Farmers League will fight against evictions, foreclosures, and for a moratorium on tax and mortgage debts. Hundreds of farmers throughout this region are owned by the landgrabbing Bank of America. Methods proposed are of the same militant character as the "Sears-Roebuck" sales of Nebraska.

Around Merced the farmers have carried on a Passive Resistance strike against tax payments but until last night no organization of a militant program had been launched.

### A. F. O. F. L. DELEGATE REPORTS ON GREAT PROGRESS IN USSR

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 22.—Frank Kidneigh, President of the Boiler Makers Union and recent delegate to U. S. S. R. from the Friends of the Soviet Union, spoke on Sunday afternoon, January 22nd on "Russia As I Saw It," at the Open Forum held in the West Side Court Room which was packed to the doors.

He told of the great dam at Dnepetrovsk and the results it will bring to the workers. The great State Farms were described and the new methods of farming were compared with the old methods used throughout the world.

He told of the former places called homes he visited in parts of Western Siberia and in the rural districts where people lived in adobe houses which were infested with all kinds of vermin, etc., which were the homes the Russian workers have destroyed. One woman tried to keep him out of one of the vermin infested houses, but he persisted and saw the terrible place where human beings formerly lived. He also dealt severely with the recent lies appearing in the public press.

The beautiful health resorts were described which formerly were used only by the Czar and the rich. Prison life was described and aroused interest.

The liquor question was explained and he told how it was a simple problem for the Russians to solve.

Many questions were answered by the speaker and at their conclusion 30-minute speeches were made by members in the audience.

Wm. Dietrich, Communist, and Jim Meyers I. W. W., were the best speakers from the audience as they explained the dictatorship of the Proletariat being necessary to the life of the Workers Republic.

—L. W. L.

### Fresno Workers Fight Water and Light Shut-Offs

FRESNO, Calif., Feb. 8.—Friday, February 3rd, a demonstration was held in front of the City Hall and San Joaquin Light and Power Co., demanding no more water, gas and light shut-offs. Committees interviewed the Mayor and Council in session, they promised to investigate each case and see if they merited water. We demanded that the workers must have water and that the Unemployed Council would turn it on. The Power Co. officials also promised to investigate, but the Unemployed Council has and will continue to turn on all shut-offs and stop all evictions.

—A. MANTY.

### Stop Forced Sales Through Mass Action; Insurance Companies Compelled To Suspend Foreclosures

DES MONIES, Iowa, Feb. 5.—The farmers fight against foreclosures is winning here. Led by the militant program of the United Farmers League thousands of farmers have rallied to innumerable forced sales and stopped them with the result that seven large insurance companies, including the Metropolitan, Aetna, Phoenix and Prudential have declared a suspension of foreclosures on farms for which they hold mortgages. Roughly, about \$700,000,000 of mortgages are stopped, effecting more than 40,000 farmers. In Ohio some banks have declared mortgage moratoriums.

The method mainly used is to rally the neighbors for miles around, bid in at the sale at penny prices, preventing the banks from bidding, buying in the farm and giving it back to the owner. By this united action prices rarely go above eight or ten dollars, and many have gone for around \$1. Meetings of 1000 and 1500 farmers to stop foreclosures are common.

### STATE CONFERENCE

Pushing the fight further four State Conferences have been called by the Committees of Action elected at the Farmers National Relief Conference last December. The first, in Lincoln, Nebraska, will be held February 15, followed by South Dakota, North Dakota and Iowa. In North Dakota, growing mass pressure forced the governor to apply to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for relief funds, but seeing not one farmer is on the disbursement committee, the farmers have drawn up programs of organization for the conferences which will go beyond the barriers of legislative action. Demands placed before governors and legislatures in all four cases will be followed up with organized pressure. Reports from Lincoln indicate that more than ten thousand dirt farmers will assemble at the state capital.

### STATE CONFERENCE FOR SCOTTSBORO MARCH 4TH

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—Forty delegates, representing eight branches of the International Labor Defense, and 11 organizations, met February 10th in California Hall to map out ways of conducting the Scottsboro campaign in San Francisco and to elect delegates to the coming State Conference in Oakland on March 4th at 7 p. m., Odd Fellows Hall, 11th and Franklin streets.

An executive committee of 25 was elected which includes representatives from Negro organizations.

### L. A. Scottsboro Conference March 4

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Feb. 12.—A large Scottsboro Conference will be held in Los Angeles on March 4th. This conference will be held to intensify the campaign to free the Scottsboro boys, and to mobilize additional mass pressure for the campaign.

## WHOLESALE MILK DESTRUCTION BY L. A. DAIRY TRUST BARED

### Workers' Protests Force City to Give Milk to Jobless; Boss Agent Sabotages Action

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7.—About four weeks ago the capitalist press published some meager facts about the alleged destruction of twelve thousand gallons of milk daily by the dairy association. This was denied by the dairy officials and the city and county authorities. Three workers from the Unemployed Co-operatives Relief Association went into a sewer and baled out several hundred gallons of milk and by measuring the flow through the pipes estimated that exactly twelve thousand gallons were being dumped into the sewers daily. As a result of this exposure, the dairy trust was forced to turn the milk over to the state food administration office under Colonel Wyman.

Wyman, who is an agent of the bosses attempting to sabotage the action of the workers, holds the trucks from six in the morning until six p. m. The loading then takes

### COLORADO FARMERS FIGHT FORECLOSURE; RECLAIM MACHINERY

JULESBURG, Colo., Feb. 8.—Five hundred farmers gathered at the farm of George A. Jones, one mile north of here, today and after rearing Jones story of having \$3000 worth of machinery taken from him, marched to town, military fashion, and took possession of the entire lot of machinery, which they returned to the farm.

Eight Nebraska Counties and 3 Colorado Counties were represented in the meeting, which had been called by the Farmers National Holiday Association.

### BRIGGS STRIKERS HEAR COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARY

3000 At Meeting Decide to Continue Strike

DETROIT, Feb. 6.—Three thousand strikers, mainly from the Briggs Auto Body plants, voted at a great mass meeting at Danceland Auditorium yesterday to continue the strike and build the union. Hundreds in the enthusiastic audience answered the call to join the Auto Workers Union. The meeting decided to concentrate all energies on strengthening the picket line at the Mack avenue Briggs plant, where 4000 are out, and force a more satisfactory settlement than that offered.

A tremendous ovation was given Earl Browder, secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party when he spoke.

Rallying thousands of unemployed by the Unemployed Councils, the picket lines continue despite police riots and brutality. Five were wounded by police thugs last Tuesday when heavily guarded dozens of imported strikebreakers attempted to pass through.

### OAKLAND JOBLESS COUNCIL GETS FOOD FOR NEGRO FAMILY

OAKLAND, Feb. 10.—A Negro widow who has five small grandchildren to take care of is being denied relief from the charities because the father of these children is classed as a non-resident. The children have been unable to attend school.

The Unemployed Council took this case to the Volunteers of America, who refused to do anything. The U. C. committee then went to a public market where enough food was donated for a meal. Then the Committee forced a grocery order out of the Salvation Army. The Unemployed Council will take the case to the Charities Commission and get this family on permanent relief so that the children may be able to go to school again.

## COMMUNISTS ENTER ELECTIONS IN MANY CALIFORNIA CITIES

### United Front Ticket in Los Angeles; Ross, Gallagher and Chase Proposed As Candidates

#### Communists Enter Fresno Elections

FRESNO, Calif., Feb. 10.—Elections for Mayor and the city council will take place on April 10. The Communist Party will enter with a full list of candidates.

The main issue in the elections will be Mayor Leymel's starvation program against which a united front of all the workers and farmers organizations will be organized.

#### Red Candidates in Eureka Elections

EUREKA, Feb. 11.—The Communist Party will have a complete ticket at the coming city elections to be held June 19. Candidates for mayor and city councilmen will be drawn from the Unemployed Council and other leaders of the recent struggle for better relief conditions. The city is being canvassed for the signatures. From 1% to 3% of the registered voters are necessary to place candidates on the ballot.

### REFUSED MEDICAL AID BY MONTEREY CHARITIES, DIES

Jack Rose Case Stirs Workers Against Charity Racket

MONTEREY, Feb. 5.—Jack Rose, an unemployed worker, died here today, the victim of fake charity rackets. Up until a month before his death he had been forced to work on the City Starvation Relief plan, doing hard labor on the roadwork. Not only did Jack Rose suffer from lack of food; he had been under constant mental worry for the past three years due to the loss of his youngest daughter who was railroaded into a reform school by Ney Otis, county probation officer. Her only crime was hitch-hiking with a girl companion to Santa Cruz.

Friday night the county nurse was asked to come and attend the dying man. She refused and phoned Dr. Sandhurst who said it was nothing serious and that he was attending him. Saturday afternoon the son-in-law of Rose and a neighbor went to Dr. Sandhurst and told him that the man was dying and urged him to come. He refused. Finally a Pacific Grove doctor was secured, but it was then too late to do anything but give the dying man a hypodermic. He died early Sunday morning.

The workers of Monterey County are planning to attend the funeral in mass.

### Speed-Up Women to Point of Collapse at L. A. Cannery

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 18.—At the "California Sanitary Cannery Co.," located at 50th street and Long Beach Avenue, conditions are the following.

The cannery employees, 400 women ranging from the ages of 21 to 40, largely Spanish and Negro. Most of the work is piece-work and in spite of the tremendous speed, one cannot average more than a dollar per day after 12-14 hours of work.

Because of the nature of the work dealing with fresh fruits and vegetables, often those exhausted women that have to stand on their feet on the wet-filthy floor long terrible hours, are forced to continue to work overtime without being paid anymore, and it is common to see women faint from exhaustion under these unbearable conditions, being carried out to the first aid room where they are revived so that they may continue with their labor.

There are a few men employed who do the heavy loading and a few mechanics who tend to the machines, also a few more skilled women workers who receive 25c per hour.

The California Sanitary Cannery Co. workers should join the Food Workers League of Los Angeles in order to better their conditions. It is only through organization that this can be accomplished.

—Worker Correspondent.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7.—A Provisional Committee representing working class organizations was formed to draft the workers ticket election platform for the city elections of Los Angeles which will be held on May 2nd. This united front workers election campaign committee will hold a conference on Monday, February 13th, at 624 South Compton avenue.

The following workers are tentatively suggested as candidates: Lawrence Ross for mayor, Ezra Chase for City Council, Leo Gallagher for municipal judge, and three members for the board of education, whose names have not yet been decided upon. A banquet to inaugurate the campaign into full swing will be held Saturday, March 11th, where Sam Darcy will be the main speaker.

### RELIEF STRUGGLES FORCE L. A. CRAFT INVESTIGATIONS

Former Chairman of Supervisors Arrested for Accepting Bribe

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7.—Because of the militancy of the Los Angeles workers, in going down to the county charities and demanding relief, the bosses of Los Angeles, in order to get a clean face before election time, have been forced to start an investigation into the affairs of the county employees and personnel.

Today the Los Angeles newspapers came out with headlines stating that Sydney T. Graves, formerly the chairman of the Los Angeles county board of supervisors, had been arrested for accepting a bribe of more than eighty thousand dollars. Graves is being held in the county jail with bail of \$25,000.

During the election campaign the spotlight will be turned on Graves so as to shift the attention of the workers from the rottenness in the present administration especially in the charity offices.

One of the things which the charities will investigate is the fact that some ten thousand gallons of milk are dumped daily to keep the price of milk high. The Unemployed Councils are planning to put up a struggle to have this milk delivered into the homes of workers, and their starving families.

The Communist Party is taking steps for a very vigorous campaign for the workers candidates, for which signatures are being collected now.

### \$1500 Bail For "Stealing Water From the City"

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13.—Extending their campaign of terror against the unemployed of Los Angeles police thugs recently arrested another unemployed worker, Paul Kline, on charges of illegal wiring and stealing water from the city. Although the charges are misdeemeanors this worker is being held on exorbitantly high bail of \$1500 for trial to be held in thirty days.

## CAMERON KING VOLUNTEERS TO ACCEPT CUT FOR CITY WORKERS

### Crawls Before Board of Supervisors With Even Worse Proposal Than Rossi

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11.—Only expressing opposition to the 25% proposal. A spectacle of the worst belly crawling was staged by Cameron King, leader of the Socialist Party and job holder of the Rossi machine, who in behalf of the Federation of Municipal Employees, promised that the workers will voluntarily take the cut to make up the sum of \$2,400,000, but that there should be no decision for it. He also proposed that there should be a straight 10% cut.

The Charity Workers Protective Union at the mass meeting last Friday, attended by 1500, adopted a resolution protesting any cuts on salaries below \$3000 per year. Similar resolutions have been adopted by many other organizations.

The A. F. of L. leaders offered practically no resistance to the cut,

## 250 DEMONSTRATE AT SUPERVISORS OF SAN MATEO

Charge Discrimination; Demand \$350,000 Bond Issue Be Used

### BULLETIN!

REDWOOD CITY, Feb. 11.—The San Mateo Board of Supervisors appropriated \$44,000 out of the \$350,000 fund for immediate road work. This is a result of the great mass protest under the leadership of the Unemployed Councils, last week, to which the Board was forced to capitulate.

REDWOOD CITY, Feb. 8.—Last Monday 200 jobless workers met the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and demanded that the \$350,000 bond issue voted for unemployment relief, be used. This money has been lying idle because of legal technicalities involving its usage. The workers demanded an accounting of the discriminatory practices of the charity boards. The Supervisors agreed to meet the workers on Wednesday and answer their demands.

On Wednesday 250 workers assembled, the Supervisors completely whitewashed the activities of the charities stating that no discrimination was practiced, that no homes were being lost through inability to pay taxes, and that the children of the unemployed were receiving milk.

They likewise stated that no representative of the jobless could be granted on the committee supervising relief, as such workers are "not experienced in welfare work and would hinder."

The workers are greatly enraged at the Supervisors' whitewash. The Unemployed Council is calling for a great demonstration on March 4th, on Main and Broadway, Redwood City, 2:00 P. M.

## STOCKTON JOBLESS COUNCIL FORCES FOOD INCREASES

Active Worker Arrested For Leading Struggle

STOCKTON, Calif., Feb. 3.—The Unemployed Council took two families, in need of relief, to the charities today. Refusal of Strong, the parasite in charge of local relief, to give relief did not disturb the committee. A meeting was launched right in the welfare building and carried on for 15 minutes. Louis Bradley, Secretary of the Unemployed Council, was placed under arrest.

The Council immediately launched a mid-day down town meeting. Spanish and American workers taking the box. A committee of 40 workers with Carl Maynard as spokesman, marched to the welfare. The plenty of cops were in evidence, the committee packed the welfare building. Result, one relief order, much larger than usually is issued to one family.

The other family was promised relief; but later refused. A larger fighting committee will see to it that tomorrow this family is given a real order.

Bradley was brought into police court charged with disturbing the peace. Following his plea of not guilty and a demand for a jury trial, bail was fixed at \$25 and the trial for February 21st.

S. D. LAYCOCK.

## FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

### Hitler Plat Against Communists Exposed

Berlin, Germany, Feb. 9.—The Hitler Dictatorship dissolved the Reichstag. Von Papen is now Hitler's dictator in Prussia. Efforts are being made to bar the Communists in the coming election, through last minute technical trickery, and thus prevent the filing of another list. The fascists figure that, if the Communist were off the ballot, many supporters would vote socialist while the majority would refrain. In this manner Hitler hopes to get a working majority.

This plot made public by the Communists is arousing tremendous indignation. Most Communist Papers have been suppressed. The Social Democratic leadership is doing everything in its power to prevent the Communists from reaching the rank and file with the call for a United Front against Fascism. But hundreds of thousands are being reached over the heads of the leaders.

### Martial Law in Roumania

BUCHAREST, Roumania, Feb. 9.—Martial law was declared in Bucharest, in the oil region and other important industrial districts. Fifteen thousand of the 1909 class have been called for military service, as the government considers the great movement among the workers to be of "perilous dimensions."

One thousand oil workers in the Ploesti region, not paid for four months by the American-Rumanian Oil Co., stormed a refinery and wrecked the interior. Soldiers arrested 250 workers, but were compelled to release them for fear of the increased violence from the workers.

Five thousand railway workers on strike have barricaded themselves at the government shops. Students in the Bucharest University are also on strike, having locked themselves within the University buildings and thus far have driven the soldiers and police off with gas bombs.

### Red Army Takes Important Town

PEIPING, China, Feb. 9.—The Red Army in Szechuan province continuing its sweep, captured the city of Paochow.

It is reported that the army consists of ten regiments, in which there is a battalion of 1500 young women.

### Polish Jobless Fight Relief Cut

WARSAW, Poland, Feb. 6.—A large unemployed demonstration took place here protesting against the decision to cut benefits to jobless.

The Sejm is at present opening the debate on the budget, facing a deficit of \$394,000,000.

### Japanese Massing for Jehol Advance

SHANGHAI, China, Feb. 9.—Dispatch from Muckden states that Japanese troops are on the way southward to the great wall, on 19 trains, in preparation for an intervention into Jehol province.

### Troops Called in Irish Rail Strike

BELFAST, North Ireland, Feb. 9.—Troops were called in the further developments of the railway strike in Ireland. They are equipped with machine guns and armored trains.

A bus driver was taken off by workers six miles from Dublin, and together with the conductor carried off.

The dockers and carriers have decided not to handle any goods diverted from railroads.

### Peru-Colombian Peace Fails

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Feb. 9.—With the peace negotiations under Brazil's initiative having failed, Colombian's more than 1000 troops and seven war vessels within only one hour of Leticia may begin war operations any moment.

### Dutch Mutiny Ship Chased Entire Week

BATAVIA, Dutch East Indies, Feb. 10.—After a week's chase being overtaken by airplanes and pursued by several warships the Dutch warship De Zeven Provinciën, which was seized by revolting native sailors, finally had to surrender on the Sumatra coast. A number of bombs killing 18, and wounding 25 were dropped on the ship's deck before the surrender.

Whether the men will face a firing squad will be determined by the extent of the mass movement among the natives now assuming greater proportions than ever.

## SEATTLE SEAMEN FORCE SAILORS MISSION TO GIVE WORKER RELIEF

### Chaplain Tried Soft Soap But It Didn't Work With Jobless Council Committee

By TOM BURNS

SEATTLE, Feb. 7.—An unemployed seaman who was receiving out-patient treatment at the hospital had his relief card pulled on the slopline because he was unable to work 16 hours a week. The fact that he had a doctor's certificate stating his inability to work did not mean a thing. Facing death he went to the Sailors Mission and asked for relief, until he could get back to forced labor of the "Vultures of America." This mission, which collects \$4500 from the Community Fund as well as thousands from religious and charity organizations, turned him down and advised him to go back to the slopline.

He then went to the Waterfront Unemployed Council who sent a committee of fifteen seamen with him to the mission with the demand that he be given immediate relief. The chaplain facing a group of well organized militant workers attempted to smooth things over. The delegation pointed out that he had been collecting money in their names and demanded that a financial statement be made them. The chaplain was forced to put the sick worker in a hotel for a week and give him a ticket for three meals a day at a restaurant.

At the appointed hour the following day a committee of three returned for the promised statement and were received as long lost brothers. "Good morning, gentlemen, won't you come up to my private office?" Upon reaching the office there were three cigars waiting. "Do you smoke, gentlemen?" The committee declined in soft chairs, lit the cigars and proceeded to take it easy. "Now, gentlemen,

### Stop Eviction of Negro Woman

OAKLAND, Feb. 8.—A committee of unemployed, led by the East Bay Unemployed Council, stopped the eviction of a Negro woman who is confined to her bed since her release from the Highland hospital several weeks ago. Relief was also demanded for her from the charities.





## TODAY'S DEFINITION:

An OLDTIMER is one who remembers when Sunday was a day to quit work and dress up.

Big Business came out the door, smiled complacently, and walked over to his limousine at the curb.

"Buy a paper, mister?" called out a newsboy.

"No thanks, sonny," he said, "I just bought one."



Roosevelt's New Deal, for the jobless, will be all clubs.

Mrs. Roosevelt is like the foreman who grabs your shovel, works like hell for one minute, and tells you to keep it up all day while he loaf. She bought some beans, ate soup for the photographers and issued a proclamation that the Technologically Displaced could be healthy for 5c if they'd soup it three times a day.

BARTER BARGAINS. Unhusked corn is awarded as alimony in Ohio.

BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDRIN:

"Britain should trade the Prince of Wales in for the war debts."

—New Zealand Society.

Says Admiral Pratt: "The Atlantic fleet will stay on the Pacific Coast for economy's sake. It will cost \$400,000 to return it to the Atlantic." The proposed naval appropriation he supports for this year exceeds \$600,000.

Through your Pratt, Admiral!

As a publicity stunt, Will Durant, Slander Extraordinary, burst into the Spokane papers, with the ancient gag about tickets for his lecture being stolen. The lecture being "What I Dreamed in Russia," he blamed the Communists. But when the comrades protested, even the police and capitalist press realized the absurdity of any worker stealing to hear a poor grade liar and retracted.

Niagara marriages show big decrease, so they say, and honey-mooners stay home. Well, after seeing some real falls such as the drops in wages and the standard of living what workers would throw away money to see some water spill over a rock.

Comrade X was worrying over an item in a Hearst sheet, "Meggie's Scotch terrier pet of Mrs. F. R., to occupy position of honor at White House," it said, "I thought it was to be Franklin who got the job," said he, "but after all, what's the difference?"

"What do you mean?" demanded the irate parent as she scanned the report card of young hopeful. "You won't graduate this year by the looks of this."

"Aw, ma, what's the diff," he replied, "Six months more or less before I join the soup line."

## Phoenix "Pays" in Warrants

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 12.—Although unofficial, it is reported that within the past several weeks more than 19,000 local residents have applied for county relief. Approximately 2700 have received relief during the past month. The County while contemplating new labor-saving devices in several departments, finds it necessary to give relief and to pay its employees with "warrants" which are practically impossible to cash at face value. Many persons take from 50 to 60% discount in order to buy "beans and bacon."

## INSTRUCT WORKERS HOW TO CHEAT THE LANDLORDS OF RENT

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 31.—At a meeting of the Associated Charities held at 1249 O'Farrell Street, Mrs. Orton in great detail instructed the unemployed how to beat the landlord not only out of the rent but the water, gas and light as well, by asking the landlords to include these items in the rent.

Also she said that the landlords should be contented with Associated Charities guarantee slips instead of cash. The workers who had come to this meeting were very militant. They asked what to do in case the landlord refuses to accept the guarantee slips. Kid the landlord along, was her answer, fool him into believing that you will be able to pay the rent soon. The workers voiced their protest against the move-on and foot the landlord racket of the Associated Charities.

This wellfed faker further stated that jobs could be had if the workers only would look hard enough. She had heard of some factories opening up. That lie was promptly nailed by the workers who proved to her that no work of any kind was to be had. She told the women present be helpful to their husbands and try to find some work enough at least to pay the rent. It is much easier for woman to find work because woman receive less wages, she said.

And if the workers wanted relief they should come as individuals and not in groups. They asked so many questions, that this faker could not answer, that she adjourned the meeting.

—Worker Correspondent.

## Denver Laborers Demand Mooney Gets New Trial

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 6.—At the last regular meeting of the Hodcarriers and Common Laborers' Union a resolution was passed demanding that Tom Mooney be released and that he be given a trial on the one remaining charge.

A delegation of five was elected to attend a Mooney Conference to be held in Carpenters, February 8, where delegates will be elected from various organizations to go to the Mooney Conference to be held in Chicago on May Day.

Delegate Bell, Negro hodcarrier, held a meeting of unemployed Negroes at which 125 persons were present. The prospects are real good for lining both the Negroes and white in unemployed councils.

The Hodcarrier Hall is being used for Unemployed Council meetings as well as for meetings of the United Front Committee.

L. W. L.

## Cut Student Lunch Room Workers to Five Cents a Meal

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 30.—At Cole Junior High School, where a lunch room is operated, the little students work around lunch time at waiting, cleaning dishes, etc., and for that they have been receiving 10c worth of eats, but recently the officials have cut the amount to 5c worth of food. This is a 50% cut in pay and as a result many of them are not getting enough food for proper nourishment. If this is going on at this school then it must be a general policy. Reports are that some of the women doing the cooking at the schools are protesting that the children are not getting enough food, but the officials are insistent on cutting the allowances because they want to "save the tax payers' money."

Quite a few of the Students have quit working and at one school they are short of help. A strike of all students would soon remedy this condition.

—Worker Correspondent.

## Join the Contest! Build the Western Worker! SAN FRANCISCO, BERKELEY PARTY GROUPS START DRIVE; UTAH OFFERS PLAN; WHO TAKES IT UP?

## FILLMORE CHALLENGES!

Friscos Fillmore Section was not satisfied! We only gave them a quota of 100 subscriptions in the Western Worker Drive. So they met, boosted it to 200 and then challenged the Mission Section to try and make their quota of 100 in an equal time!

The rest of their challenge, with regard to the membership drive, was 25 Negro workers for Fillmore to 25 employed factory workers for the Mission.

Ten Japanese workers to 10 A. F. of L. members for the Mission, and to organize one shop unit to Mission's two, Fillmore being mainly a residential district.

And in this work the Western Worker is to be used as the main means of making contacts.

Did Mission answer? Right back at them! The competition is on. What about the other Sections?

## BERKELEY CHALLENGES!

Over in South Berkeley a new unit has just been organized! And they did not like their sub quota. So they doubled it to 30 and increased their bundle order to 75. And then they challenged North Berkeley to do likewise. What is North Berkeley's answer?

This new unit has an A-1 literature agent. When the comrades demanded their Western Workers at unit meeting, he got up and apologized. "Comrades," he said, "I've only got 2. I took 58 but I sold 56 of them today before the meeting going from house to house." And out of those house to house contacts will come new members to build the Party in that territory.

## UTAH GETS IN DRIVE

Salt Lake, who till now has been taking only 25 for a bundle order and wondering why they weren't making the progress in building the Party as they should, have made a change. A new agent, a Plan of Work, and a new order, 100 from now on!

Their plan includes so many good fundamental points that a few of them are worth repeating.

A special Western Worker agent will have full charge of organizing and pushing the drive. Each unit elects an active comrade to push the work, he to immediately get in touch with and work with the special section agent. Each community will assign a member to send news articles in to the Western Worker, thus creating a local interest in the paper. In making contact work for unemployed or shop activity, in all meetings and demonstrations the Western Worker be used and sold. Street salesmen shall be established. That if any Party members able to subscribe have not done so, they shall be signed up at once. The Section Agent shall report to his Bureau every week on progress.

Does all this look familiar to you comrades? It is not new. But Utah says it is determined to carry it out. How about the rest of you? Salt Lake Challenges!

## WANT A JOB?

Unemployed workers, whether Party members or not, wanting to make a living in a way that builds the Party, get in touch with your Section Literature Agent at once. San Francisco needs more Western Worker salesmen and women.

## THE NEW SUB BLANK BOOKS ARE READY—AND EMPTY. FILL THEM UP!

## CALL 5000 MARCHERS TO OLYMPIA, MARCH 1

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fare commissioner. The report of the minority on the committee calling for the endorsement of Joel Strand, Communist and member of the Executive Board, and Paul Thomas was enthusiastically received. From all indications most locals will go for Strand and Thomas.

## Live Wire Kills Worker; Coroner Calls It Accident

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 5.—A live wire lying in the runway of the Shamrock mine west of Frederick, Colo., was the cause of Sam Clark's death. The company should have had the wire covered over, but that would cut into the profits. In Russia where the coal mines don't have to pay dividends to idle stockholders, the live wires are covered so that the lives of the miners are protected.

The coroner even has the gall to announce that no inquest will be held because the tragedy can be classed as an accident.

## FIVE WATER SHUT OFFS IN RICHMOND

RICHMOND, Cal., Feb. 4.—Five families had their water shut off. The Unemployed Council broke the locks and then a committee of six went to Supervisor Long and demanded water, gas, light and food for these families. Either that or the right to come to the Supervisors house for water and three meals a day. The relief was granted.

## CALL TO DEFEND FIGHTERS AGAINST IMPERIALISM IN THE FAR EAST

The Pan Pacific Secretariat, representing millions of Trade Unionists in the countries bordering on the Pacific, in a call to all fighters against imperialism, to defend the thousands being oppressed in the Far Eastern colonial countries, describes conditions in part as follows:

In China, tens of thousands of the best worker, peasant and student fighters have been arrested, tortured and imprisoned as well as countless numbers being summarily executed. Last year Paul Ruegg (secretary of the Pan Pacific Trade Union Secretariat) and his wife Gertrude, were sentenced to life imprisonment in the Kuomintang dungeons. Only recently one of the best leaders of the Chinese working class, and chairman of the All-China Trade Union Federation, Comrade Huan Ping was arrested in Peiping where he was terribly tortured. Latest reports are that he is now in Nanking but it cannot be ascertained whether he is still alive or not. In November, 1932, twelve workers, including several women, were arrested in Canton, seven of whom were immediately executed.

## 7000 ARRESTED IN JAPAN

The Japanese government announced on January 17, 1933, that in Japan 7000 workers, peasants, students and many intellectuals, leaders of the Japanese masses, fighting against the miserable conditions that exist and the aims of the Japanese imperialists, were arrested in 1932 alone. Several mass trials have recently been held. In October, 1932, 160 working class leaders were tried en masse and re-



ROAR CHINA, by A. Tretiakov. Published by International Publishers, New York City. Price, \$1.00. A play in 9 scenes.

If the western workers drama groups want to try their skill on something more than small skits, this is the thing.

There are many reasons for this. The play is built around an incident which actually occurred in China several years ago. A Mr. Ashlay, the representative of the Robert Dollar Co., owners of Dollar Steamship Co., and many trading subsidiaries is killed when a Chinese boatman resists his attack. The boatman then flees for his life. The imperialist powers force the Boatmen's Union to kill two innocent men and pay in other ways to show the other "dago Chinks" their place. Out of these incidents a Communist movement finally crystallizes.

The play has splendid dramatic value. It has been written very close to the facts. In the present Far Eastern situation it is very timely. The play has been produced by the Theatre Guild in New York. We saw it there as well as in the Soviet Union. The New York production was as poor as the Moscow production was wonderful. If our own comrades, sympathetic with the spirit of the Chinese masses would produce it we feel confident it would be the first worthwhile production in the U. S. In any case it makes fine reading.—S. A. D.

MUST WE STARVE, by Scott Nearing, Vanguard Press Pub., New York.

In their efforts to explain the crisis the capitalist "experts" have, Nearing points out, written the epitaph of capitalism. "Their utterances make up an unanswerable indictment of the existing economic system." Their "planning" genius is conditioned by their predatory greed. Naturally none of their plans are social plans at all but are plans to safeguard and increase their profits and more and more to throw the burden of the crisis onto the backs of the workers. But all of their planning is impotent before the rapid decline of capitalist economy. This present and last phase of capitalism is, logically, marked by the horrors of world-wide starvation side by side with vast surpluses of the necessities of life. Never have the basic contradictions of capitalism been more evident than in this post-war, international crisis. Nearing gives the Marxian explanation (the only correct and rational one) of these contradictions.

The feebleness of the bourgeois mind in regard to economic and social problems is betrayed by its inability to grasp the simplest fundamental of the nature of capitalism's growth and decline. One of the indications of this feebleness of understanding is an increasing and infantile reliance on

## Harriman Admits Red Squad Terror

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 6.—Mr. Harriman of the Los Angeles County Charities, one of the board supervisors was forced to have a meeting with a committee of workers and submit to questioning as regards the recent food fight at the Los Angeles Charities. Mr. Harriman attempted to conciliate the workers by declaring that the tear gas had been put off by a county employee to stop the brutal beating of the workers by the police. He further informed the workers that a friend of his had stated to him that the clubbing of the workers by the Red Squad was one of the most vicious events that had taken place in Los Angeles. Of course, Mr. Harriman did not state who called the Red Squad, and why there was tear gas in the offices of the county charities where workers came to ask for relief.

The efficacy of magical slogans and incantations such as "Prosperity is just around the corner," "WASN'T the depression awful," etc., etc.

The relationship between the exploiting imperialist nations and their enslaved colonies is sharply exposed. That the gold standard should have deserted so many capitalist countries Nearing shows to have been but one of many inevitable breaks in the capitalist chain. It is a symptom, not a cause. "Must We Starve" is a readable and sound guide to an understanding of the evolutionary process that has brought capitalism into its death struggles and the workers of the world to the point where they must organize revolution under Communist leadership, or perish.

—A. W.

## Pan-Pacific Secretariat Exposes Brutality Against Militant Workers and Peasants By American, Japanese, French, Dutch, British and Other Imperialist Powers.

ceived sentences totalling more than 700 years. Ten of them including such outstanding leaders as Mitamura, Sano and Shiga received life sentences. Twenty comrades died after several years in prison as a result of brutal tortures and bad food. Six other comrades were driven insane as a result of torture. In the last few months of 1932, three working class leaders, Comrades Iwata, Uyeda and Nose, were killed by the police by torture. In January, 1933, 30 Communists including several members of the Central Committee of the Communist Party were arrested in Tokyo; 70 students in Kobe and 32 teachers in various districts of Japan were also arrested in January, 1933, charged with organizing revolutionary groups.

## YANKEE IMPERIALISM

In the Philippine Island Yankees imperialism and the Filipino exploiters arrested over 700 revolutionary workers and peasants in 1932 and charged them with attending seditious and illegal meetings and demonstrations. Of these 25 leaders of the Communist Party, revolutionary trade unions and peasant organizations, including Comrades Cresanto Evangelisto, Jacinto Manahan and G. Capadocia, were tried and sentenced to 16 years of banishment to different provinces on the various islands as well as receiving life fines.

## MEERUT TRIAL ENDS

In India, on Jan. 16, 1933, the world famous Meerut trial came to an end after lasting three and a half years. For over four years the 31 prisoners, including three British workers, have been kept imprisoned in one of the hottest hell-holes in India. Nearly all of them were outstanding trade union officials and because they organized a general strike in 1929, they were charged with "conspiracy to overthrow the sovereignty of the King Emperor in India." 27 of them, including the three British workers, were sentenced to from 4 years of rigorous imprisonment to exile for life. All told, 16 of them were exiled and very likely are already on the way to the penal settlement of the atrocious Andaman Islands which means that their sentences practically are equivalent to death sentences.

## DEPORTATIONS FROM U. S.

In addition to the persecution of the Filipino toilers, the American authorities are adding to the above list by deporting Far Eastern workers to their respective countries where they meet the same fate as their militant comrades arrested there. For instance the recent deportation of 9 Japanese workers, who had been fighting shoulder to shoulder with their American comrades against worsening conditions, from Los Angeles. Another case in point was the forceful shipping of

90 Chinese marine workers (who fought against their miserable condition) on the S. S. President Johnson by the Dollar Line, undoubtedly with the support of the American authorities, back to China. Also, the press a few days ago, reported that Secretary of Labor Doak was about to deport 206 Chinese marine workers (being held on Ellis Island, New York), who had been brought here to work on the Dollar Liner President Johnson.

The above is only a partial list. In India-China, Indonesia, Korea, and other parts the same ruthless oppression is aimed at the militant workers movement.

The workers of the entire world and particularly the American workers must increase tenfold their protests against these mass executions, imprisonments and tortures. Their struggles are our struggles. As long as the masses of the Far East are enslaved, you cannot be free. The American workers have the additional task of fighting with increased determination against the deportation from America of their brothers who happen to have been born in other countries.

The Pan Pacific Trade Union Secretariat, representing millions of trade unionists in Pan Pacific countries, calls upon all fighters against imperialism and oppression to protest in the strongest and most effective way against this ruthless white terror. Raise the question in your organizations and especially in your trade unions. Show your solidarity with the Far Eastern toilers by organizing mass meetings, demonstrations, etc. Adopt resolutions of protest, demanding the stopping of the terror

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TURKEY DINNER, 6 P. M. Barter Party, 8 P. M. Entertainment and Dance, 9 P. M. Sunday, Feb. 19. Labor Unity Hall, 530 Valencia St. Adm. 15c, Dinner 25c Extra.

## NAVY VISITS PACIFIC COAST CITIES

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ounce of patriotic fervor out of the sham battles, and the sham battles will be made the most of to put over the big war program on the backs of the workingclass.

## NAVY TO LAND IN FRISCO

Seventy-five battleships, cruisers, subs, destroyers etc., and 35,000 men and goldbrad will visit San Francisco for ten days for the purpose, from Feb. 18th to 27th.

Workers understanding the need for united struggle against imperialist war and for bread should wherever possible get in touch with workers in uniform and explain the reason for American rivalry with Japan in China and the inevitability of Imperialist attack on the workers and farmers Socialist Soviet Union.

While in the East Roosevelt conferred with Congressman Vinson, who will introduce the big navy bill, and tells of his plans for developing the (war) chemical potentialities of Muscles Shoals, and clubs the jobless, on the Pacific the war preparations continue. Early in March the new 10,000 ton cruiser "San Francisco" will be launched at Mare Island. The navy will participate in the ceremonies of the starting of work on the S. F. military bridges. Work will start sometime later.

"Yesterday five hundred new troops sailed on the transport Chateau Thierry to join the forces at Schofield Barracks, Honolulu.

Using funds from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation obtained for relief, two new forced labor camps will be opened soon. One at Spadra, Los Angeles, Co., will build a rifle range for the militia. The 100 men will live in old tents while building equipment for training the militia to shoot workers down, out of funds given in the name of relief for them.

## Southern California I. L. D. Issues Bulletin

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8.—The International Labor Defense of District 14 is preparing the first issue of a district bulletin, to be called the Western Shield. The first issue will appear in the early part of March, and will contain a resume of the recent plenum, an analysis of two local I. L. D. branches, news items, and an article dealing with the terror in Los Angeles.

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## Editorial Column

## START THE DRIVE! BUILD THE PARTY!

The plans for the three months drive to recruit one thousand new members into the Communist Party, and obtain two thousand new subscribers for the Western Worker, have already been printed in our last issue.

The plan outlines clearly that the Party can grow to the extent that it establishes leadership in the struggle of the workers, in the factories, and workers' organizations. That is why the drive must be linked with all campaigns, so that it actually means the building of the revolutionary organizations under the Party's leadership.

The conceptions among many that such organizations as the Unemployed Councils, the International Labor Defense, Friends of the Soviet Union, etc., are branches of the Communist Party, must be corrected.

Those organizations are not Party branches and do not embrace the ENTIRE program of the Communists. They are only based upon certain issues, generally immediate issues arising out of the class struggle. But it is the Communists within them that lead them through their activity and thereby lay a greater foundation for the Communist Party.

That is why as the immediate step in the drive we should appeal to the most active workers in the revolutionary organizations to join the Party.

They should be shown that a stronger Communist group in the organization will mean better possibilities to build and extend it.

Has your Unit already started to carry out the Plan? Has your fraction already taken steps within the organization?

If you are not yet a Party member, have you considered definite steps to join?

No time should be lost in acting! The drive ends on May 1st!

## THE HORNBLOWER FRAUD

A so-called Unemployment Insurance Bill (Assembly Bill No. 878) introduced into the California Legislature by Hornblower and Cronin shows the demagoguery prepared in answer to the demands of the Unemployed.

The bill is hailed by the union misleaders as it complies with the model Ohio plan made public at the recent national convention of the A. F. of L. It is really a replica of the old Hornblower bill, already discredited.

That the bill will not serve the 900,000 jobless in California is clear from the following summary of its main provisions!

1. Agricultural laborers, domestic workers, those unable to work or those the Unemployed Fund Commission considers "unwilling" to work are not eligible. This already excludes the bulk of the jobless.

2. Thirteen weeks benefits out of the year is the maximum possible in amounts of \$12.50 per week if wages average over \$20.00 per week, \$10.00 if \$15-\$20 per week; \$7.50 if \$10-\$15 per week and \$5 if they averaged \$10 or less per week.

3. If one is out of a job longer than a year benefits stop.

4. The employers pay an amount equal to 2% of the total pay roll and the workers pay 30% of what the boss pays.

5. One who has no job now, will get no benefits until working and when again unemployed will receive one week's benefits for every four worked.

6. The administration of the entire scheme will be by a committee of five. Two bosses, two of the employees (labor fakers) and one "Public" (bosses agent in the government) ALL APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

7. Such employers as guarantee 42 weeks at no less than 36 hours each, per year, to 50 weeks at no less than 20 hours each, need not pay at all to the fund, and their workers are not entitled to any.

If after all this a worker can still see himself eligible to something he might also take into consideration that the fund does not go into effect until January 1, 1934, and payment does not begin until January, 1935. Add to this that the director of the fund has almost dictatorial power to decide all matters and it's a miracle if anyone gets anything.

Yet this is called Unemployment Insurance.

ONLY WORKERS BILL IS REAL INSURANCE

After unveiling the bill of its demagoguery and seeing that there is no insurance provided for him, a worker can only support the bill proposed to the Legislature by the 1000 hunger marchers. Some of its provisions are as follows:

All persons unemployed are entitled to Unemployed Insurance regardless of race, sex, color, creed, nationality, political beliefs or length of residence.

Workers who are sick, or incapacitated by accident get full payment plus special compensation. Ten dollars per week is paid to each unemployed and three dollars for each dependent, for every week out of work.

The funds are to be raised by taxing each employer 3% of the pay roll, and a sharply upward graduated tax on all incomes above \$3000 per year, taxing all properties above \$25,000; and from funds for military purposes. Nothing is deducted from the workers' wages.

The fund must be administered by a workers commission elected through conferences.

The act shall go into effect immediately.

The bill also provides for full benefits to women before and after child birth, for youth, and aged.

The bosses of course ridicule the Workers Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill, calling it Utopian, and offer instead the Hornblower humbug. But the Soviet Union which has not yet reached the industrial development of the U. S. has insurance laws that offer even far greater benefits than these.

The fact that the bosses have to resort to sham insurance bills is already an indication of their fear of the increasing mass fight of the workers.

Only the continuance of this struggle will finally force a real Insurance Bill!

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## JOIN THE UNITED FARMERS LEAGUE

By T. Jones



## State Backs Barter to Cut Relief

Prepares to Force Small Farmers, Facing Foreclosures, to "Donate" Farms to Barter Groups; Bill to Legalize Scrip Introduced; Plan Gives Fakers Opportunity to Humbug Workers

ARTICLE III

By GEORGE MORRIS

The Barter scheme has already received the blessings of the State government in the form of definite promises to cooperate, by the heads of the State Food Administration, by exemption from paying for the uses of toll bridges etc. But the bill introduced by Assemblyman King to legalize barter is the most vicious piece of work yet introduced in the State Legislature. It still further shows the pro-boss character of the whole barter scheme.

Under the guise of aiding the Unemployed, the bill (No. 2176) provides, that such properties as any owner may turn over to the government for the use of the unemployed shall not be taxed, or foreclosed, during the period that it is used by the Unemployed. Also that before the owner can get the property back he must give four months notice, and taxation will proceed from time of repossession on.

The bill gives preference to the owners of the property as far as the food and shelter obtained from it are concerned. Then finally, stating the reason for the act we are told that it is to aid the property owners who are unable to pay taxes or other debts against their property.

## LEGALIZES BARTER

It is further provided that a state apparatus shall be arranged to supervise the scheme. Although the expressions "barter plan" or "self-help" are not to be found in the bill the purpose of its creation is readily recognized. It legalizes barter.

The unemployed to use the properties, which obviously are meant to be farms, will consist of barter groups over which the government will hold control.

Who will benefit most from such a plan? The government will, of course, be relieved of the relief burden. But the big landowners, many of them unable to get the value of taxes out of their land, or who still owe considerable debts, will find it very convenient to become "benevolent". In the meantime having their land taken care of—more than that, improved for them. Since only four months notice is provided for the reclaiming of the land, during which time the movable improvements can be taken away, the owner can resume possession of the properties, with the crops and land in good condition, new buildings and such other improvements that are not chattel.

It is not to the advantage of the small farmer, who, in giving up his farm, would lose his only means of support. If a small farmer would give up his farm for the sake of preventing foreclosure, he might as well make up his mind to never try to repossess it, unless he is ready to pay the mortgages and taxes remaining unpaid, which would be hanging around his neck like a millstone and were the cause in the first place of his giving up the farm. Likewise it should not be forgotten that the farmer must be in a position to support himself until he is able to get returns from the next crop.

## A SYSTEM OF SERFDOM

Any farmers, therefore, placing themselves under the "protection" of the government, in such a manner, will be doing the same as millions of peasants did during the middle ages when they placed themselves under the protection of the

Catholic Church, becoming its serfs. The protection is expressed in the following words in the Bill: that "Human foods and materials produced or manufactured thereon, shall be distributed, primarily among the owners of the properties who tendered same". In plain language the property owner is given the privilege to enjoy, with the rest of the jobless, fooled into the self-help scheme, a miserable existence eked out on what once he called his home. He will never see cash, much less can he expect to save any to buy himself out again.

The whole scheme is only another method for carrying through foreclosures or complete expropriation, but is carried through in a very simple manner, the farmer practically delivering himself—that is, after the state brings a bit of pressure for the collection of taxes, or gives the mortgage shark full freedom to threaten the farmer. No small farmer could ever hope to get his farm back.

## TO LEGALIZE SCRIP

Another Bill is to legalize Scrip. The San Francisco Barterites from the very outset have had some differences among themselves on the scrip question. The California anti-scrip law likewise prevented its introduction in all the self-help groups, but steps are, nevertheless, being taken to introduce this curse on the unemployed. Assemblyman Bliss introduced bill No. 1519 to make scrip legal.

It is inevitable that some medium of exchange be introduced if the scheme is to be carried out on a large scale, and if any extensive exchange is to be carried on. Experiences with scrip prove that it is still another means of exploitation. The checks issued are worth something, only to the extent that they are backed by actual necessities. When the exchanges lack certain necessities (which is often) the scrip begins to decline in value, and in time becomes virtually worthless, as one is compelled to spend it for whatever is obtainable since they are not acceptable anywhere but at the barter stores. The worker who works for the "wooden money" often finds his labor given gratis.

It must be remembered that scrip checks are issued on the basis of any old junk that comes into the exchanges, which are given a definite valuation and become a means for backing the scrip. But it is the absolute necessities that move continually. Therefore it often happens that one has scrip, the stores do not have the food that is wanted, but perhaps some old furniture. The barterites argue that the system of exchange will make possible the swapping of the furniture for food. That sounds nice in the pages of the News, but workers who want to eat found out that they must be content with what is obtainable.

If scrip issued by the State and backed by actual money as in Arizona, depreciates in real value what could be expected of paper backed with junk and perishable foods?

## SCRIP HELPS FAKERS

The self-help schemes carry with them another feature that is poisonous to the working class. They are the means of furnishing an opportunity to every conceivable faker, self-seeker, and unsuccessful politician. The crisis, now in its fifth year, was the means of destroying

numerous illusions, and cut the foundation from under many fakers. Labor banks have practically breathed their last. Many an A. F. of L. local union no longer yields a fat salary. Those basing themselves on a permanent prosperity or a Victorian Age for the U. S. (Lovestone) etc. have been thoroughly discredited. Add to these a mass of "free lance", Political Quacks, Socialists, the Proletarian Party, the Liberty Party, Trotskyites, I. W. W.'s and a host of similar elements who feel themselves being isolated as the movement under the leadership of the Communists is sweeping by them.

All of these form a great reserve for leadership, for such schemes, and are the new hope for every fraud who wants an opportunity to sell out the workers interests.

When the News first sounded the call for the cure-all these bankrupt fakers fell over each other to seize this opportunity. We have already seen how in the states where the movement has grown the leaders utilized their positions to swing support to the bosses parties and the worst enemies of labor. In the State of Washington this was most clearly demonstrated in the last election. In Los Angeles an Unemployed Voters' League was even organized. No sooner do these fakers become a means of delivering votes than they Barter them for petty government jobs.

To summarize the entire scheme; it is a means of shifting the burden of relief on the workers themselves, it helps the bosses to reduce the wages of those workers still employed, who must compete with labor paid with food and old clothing, it is to divert the militancy of the workers into peaceful channels.

## BARTER KEEPS RELIEF DOWN

Many unemployed workers say, "But what can we do? This means at least something." It is on the basis of this kind of a sentiment that the bosses and their government agents depend for putting the plan across. It is significant that where the relief is worst, the scheme finds the most fertile ground. Even what the barter plan affords is considered of some advantage—a little more than Red Cross flour, anyway. Where it is introduced it helped to keep relief down to the lowest level, and in some cases no public relief is given.

The effort to introduce it in San Francisco is only because the bosses consider this a means in their effort to cut down appropriations for relief. Already according to admissions from the Charity officials there are over 67,000 persons depending on public relief (four to each family head). That is why the city and state officials are encouraging the scheme in every possible manner, helping it to get a foundation, but just as soon as they would succeed in establishing the movement, public relief would be withdrawn.

It is far better to learn by the bitter experiences of the workers in other cities where the plan is already working. Only through struggle is there a possibility to raise relief. It is the continuation of struggle that will finally even force Unemployment and Social Insurance. That means recognition that every worker, who took part in producing the immense wealth of the country, must be

## International Events and Western Workers

## RESULTS OF THE FIRST FIVE-YEAR PLAN

By JOSEPH STALIN

Items from Comrade Stalin's speech, before Plenary session of the Central Committee, Communist Party, Full text in International Press Correspondence, No. 3.

All this has resulted in our fulfilling the programme of general industrial production 93.7 per cent by the end of the fourth year of the Plan, calculating on the basis of five years. We thus more than trebled the scale of industrial production compared with the pre-war level, and more than doubled the scale compared with the level of 1928. Regarding the programme of production in heavy industry, we fulfilled the Plan 108 per cent.

True, we are here six per cent short of fulfilling the general programme. This is explained by the fact that owing to the refusal of neighboring countries to conclude non-aggression pacts with us, and to the complications in the Far East, we were compelled hurriedly



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to switch over a number of factories to the production of modern means of defence. This switching over, compelled by the necessity to make certain preparations, meant that these factories stopped the manufacture of products for a period of four months. This could not but effect the fulfillment of the general programme of production of the Five-Year Plan during 1932. By this operation we were able to fill up completely the gap in the defensive power of the country.

## COMPARED WITH CAPITALIST COUNTRIES

And what is the situation in the capitalist countries, which are now in the grip of a severe crisis, as regards the growth of industrial production?

Here are well-known official statistics.

At a time when the volume of industrial production of the U. S. S. R. increased 334 per cent by the end of 1932 compared with the pre-war level, the volume of industrial production in the U. S. A. decreased during the same period to 84 per cent of the pre-war level; in Britain to 75 per cent, and in Germany to 62 per cent.

At a time when the volume of industrial production of the U. S. S. R. increased 219 per cent by the end of 1932 as compared with the level of 1928, the volume of industrial production in the U. S. A. fell during the same period to 56 per cent, in Britain to 80 per cent, in Germany to 55 per cent, in Poland to 54 per cent.

What do these figures say if not that the capitalist system of industry was unable to hold its own in the contest with the Soviet system: that the Soviet system of industry has all the advantages over the capitalist system.

## IN AGRICULTURE

The Party has achieved this—that the collective farms now unite over 60 per cent of the peasant holdings and embrace over 70 per cent of all the peasant farms, which means that the Five-Year Plan has been exceeded three times.

The Party has achieved this—that instead of 500-600 million poods of marketable grain collected annually during the prevalence of individual farming, it is now able to collect 1200-1400 million poods of grain annually.

## COMPARED WITH CAPITALIST FARMING

The cultivated areas in the main grain-producing countries have been reduced by eight to ten per cent. The acreage under cotton in the U. S. A. has been reduced by 15 per cent.

According to the data of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the value of the gross output of agriculture in the U. S. A. dropped from \$11,000,000,000 in 1929 to \$5,000,000,000 in 1932, that is, more than 50 per cent. The value of the gross output of grain has decreased from \$1,288,000,000 in 1929 to \$391,000,000 in 1932, that is, more than 78 per cent. As regards cotton, the reduction was from \$1,339,000,000 in 1929 to \$397,000,000 in 1932, more than 70 per cent.

## 200,000 COLLECTIVE AND STATE FARMS

Just think of it: in the course of some three years we have created more than 200,000 collective farms and about 5000 state farms; that is, we have created entirely new and large enterprises which are of as much importance to agriculture as the factories and mills are to industry.

Name a country which has succeeded in creating in three years not 205,000 new great enterprises but even 25,000 such enterprises. You cannot name it, for no such country exists or has existed. Yet we have created 205,000 such enterprises in agriculture.

## IMPROVED WORKERS' PEASANTS' CONDITIONS

As a result of these basic achievements in the improvement of the

material position of the workers and peasants we have during the first Five-Year Plan:

1. A twofold increase in the number of workers and employees in the large industries, as compared with 1928, which gives an overfulfillment of the Five-Year Plan by 57 per cent.

2. Growth of the national income—and consequently growth of the income of the workers and peasants which in 1932 reached 45.1 milliard roubles, 85 per cent in excess of the 1928 figures.

3. Growth of the average annual wages of the workers and employees of the large industries amounting to 67 per cent, as compared with 1928, which means an 18 per cent overfulfillment of the quota of the Five-Year Plan.

4. 292 per cent growth of the social insurance fund in comparison with 1928 (4120 million roubles in 1932 as against 1050 million roubles in 1928) which means over fulfillment of the Five-Year Plan by 111 per cent.

5. Growth of communal feeding which now caters to 70 per cent of the workers in the most important branches of industry, which is equivalent to a sixfold fulfillment of the Five-Year Plan.

## MISERY IN CAPITALIST WORLD

The number of unemployed in the capitalist countries has increased catastrophically. In the United States, according to the official figures, the number of workers employed in the manufacturing industries alone fell from 8.5 million in 1928 to 5.5 million in 1932, while according to the figures of the American Federation of Labor, the total number of unemployed in America reached 11 million by the end of 1932.

In England, according to the official statistics, the number of jobless rose from 1,290,000 in 1928 to 2.8 million in 1932. In Germany, according to the official figures, the number of unemployed increased from 1,376,000 in 1928 to 5.5 million in 1932.

A similar picture may be observed in all the capitalist countries, while it should be remembered that as a rule the official statistics understate unemployment figures; the number of unemployed in capitalist countries fluctuates between 35 and 40 million.

The wages of the workers are being systematically reduced. According to official figures, the average monthly wages in the United States have fallen by 35 per cent in comparison with 1928; in England by 15 per cent for the same period, and in Germany by as much as 50 per cent. According to the calculations of the American Federation of Labor, the American workers lost more than \$35,000,000,000 as a result of wage reductions in 1929-1931.

There are considerable reductions in the already insignificant insurance funds for the workers in England and Germany. In the U. S. A. and in France there is complete absence or almost complete absence of any form of unemployment insurance whatever, as a result of which there is a colossal growth in the number of homeless workers and waits, especially in America.

The position of the peasant masses in the capitalist countries is no better; the agrarian crisis is uprooting the peasants holdings and driving millions of ruined farmers to wander across the country.

## TRADE BETWEEN CITY AND COUNTRY

As a result of the Five-Year Plan we have:

1. Increased output of light industry, which has risen to 187 per cent as compared with 1928.

2. Growth in the volume of trade of the retail cooperative and state trading establishments, which amounts at present, in 1932 prices, to 39.6 milliard roubles, that is an increase of the commodities in retail trade to 175 per cent since 1928.

3. An increase in the state and cooperative trading network by 158,000 stores as compared with 1929.

4. Ever-increasing development of kolkhoz (collective form) purchase of agricultural products by individual state and cooperative organizations.

These are the facts. An entirely different picture is presented by the condition of commodity circulation within the capitalist countries where the crisis has resulted in a catastrophic shrinking of trade; mass closing of enterprises and the ruin of petty and middle tradesmen; bankruptcy of large commercial firms and excessive accumulation of stocks in trading establishments, while the purchasing capacity of the toiling masses continues to decline.

THE END